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Jan –

So the folks that would be best for you to talk to are either working this issue and a couple of folks are out sick (there's an epidemic going on over here). But I did some checking and got some basic information for you.

EPA provides support when requested or when state and local first responder capabilities have been exceeded. Through coordinating and implementing a wide range of activities, EPA conducts removal actions to protect human health and the environment. This is done by either funding response actions directly or overseeing and enforcing actions conducted by potentially responsible parties. In carrying out these responsibilities, EPA coordinates with other EPA programs (including the [Superfund remedial program](#)), other federal agencies, states, tribes, and local governments. This coordination is done through [On-Scene Coordinators](#) and [EPA's Special Teams](#).

Here is also our recent statement on our involvement as well:

The EPA is closely monitoring the chemical spill in Charleston and is working closely with FEMA and other federal partners who are responding to the incident. The Agency has deployed on-scene coordinators to assist with water sampling and stands ready to offer additional assistance to the State of West Virginia, who is leading the response on the spill.

I will keep you posted as I learn more or if our involvement changes.

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I'd love to touch base when you get a chance. My direct is 202-228-6562.

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